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FOR: APPARATUS, METHOD,  
PROGRAM, AND DATA STRUCTURE  
FOR ASSISTING PLACING ORDER FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004 and supplemental to the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed January 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.